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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 24, 2003, for which a response was due on March 24, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to April 24, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.